

[Dr. H. M. Evans, Berkeley, California, to Dr. Fulton,
September 26, 1941.]

Item 345
of list II

[Re. VESALIUS, A. Opera omnia anatomica et chirurgica. Ed. H.
Boerhaave & B. S. Albinus. Leyden, 1724-25. 2 vols. folio.]

"Vesalius. This item is very interesting. According to Bibliotheca Belgica (prem. ser., tome XXV V 120 and V 121), the first volume of this item is a copy of part 1 of the work, which was apparently projected to appear in several parts but which may have been superseded after the appearance of this first part by the complete work in two volumes the following year.

"Incidentally, the bibliography of de Feyfer in Janus (vol. 19, p. 345-507) is inaccurate (on p. 437) in quoting the title of the Bibliotheca Belgica; evidently the 'litt.' is a compositor's error (misreading?) for XX. Also, on p. 474 'Cazan' should be 'Casan', which is the abbreviation on 1 V 120 of the Bibl. Belg.; this doubtless refers to the renowned Biblioteca Căsanatense in Rome. On the same page de Feyfer uses subscripts for V 120 and V 121: '1 V 120', '1 V 121'. These are misleading, since the subscripts are van der Haeghen's paging for the entries of his bibliography. Either the subscripts should be left off entirely or the inclusive paging should be given: 1-3 V 120 and 1-5 V 121.

"One of the original owners had the two volumes of this item bound uniformly as if they were a complete set. It would be interesting to know if this particular set ever had the definitive issue of vol. 1 as well, thus making three volumes in all."

3. M. letter sent

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1800 EAST MONUMENT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

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to Yale along with the seven
with 6, not 5.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

October 23, 1937

Letters of F. H. Garrison
sent from the Osler Library to the Institute of the
History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. William Francis
Baylor University
10 Originals

Dear Dr. Francis:

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3. X. 41
✓ March 31, 1928, typed } These 2 were all I could find
✓ April 26, 1928, " } in the Osler files.
✓ May 27, 1929, " }
✓ December 10, 1929, handwritten by friends of Garrison.
✓ May 22, 1930, " }
✓ October 31, 1932, " }
✓ " 14, 1933, typed }
✓ " 20, " }
✓ May 12, 1934, " }
✓ January 26, 1935, " }

6. Copies of originals which, being inserted in books, cannot be sent:

To Sir William Osler:

*Request granted
to keep these
copies*
W.W.F.
1941

October 14, 1910, handwritten (inserted in # 7379, 11
ser. 2, vol. 12)
January 5, 1914, " (inserted in # 5904)
" 1, 1915, " (inserted in # 7379)
May 22, 1916, " (inserted in # 5905)
October 11, 1917, " (inserted in # 5905)

To W. F. Francis:

March 1, 1928, typed (inserted in # 7593).

To the Director of the Institute
found expression...
Dear Dr. Sigerist:
In answer to your circular of 23 October, I enclose the
16 letters, to Osler and to me, listed above.
Please see that the editor respects the caution which I
have written in the margin of G's hot letter of 1 January, 1915,
concerning a dear old friend of ours.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

5 November, 1937

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W. W. F.
B. Sigerist

Sanford V. Larkey
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INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1900 EAST MONUMENT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

October 23, 1937

Dr. William Francis
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

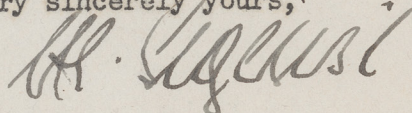
The publication of a volume of selected letters of Fielding H. Garrison is being considered. It is felt that such a volume will not only be very welcome to the many friends of Garrison, but will constitute a real contribution to American literature. It will present to a larger public a brilliant writer who so far was known only to a limited group consisting mostly of medical men.

Mr. F. L. Tietsch, who was a very intimate friend of Garrison and whose delightful article in the April number of this Bulletin of the Institute of the History of Medicine is probably known to you, will edit the volume. We felt that no better editor could possibly be found. Mr. Henry Mencken promised his cooperation and placed his very voluminous correspondence with Garrison at the disposal of the editor. Mr. Mencken and Dr. Henry E. Sigerist will contribute forewords to the volume.

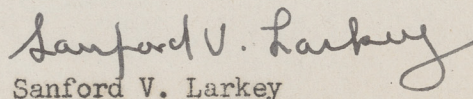
We wish to invite all the many correspondents of Garrison to send their letters to the Institute of the History of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins University, 1900 East Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The letters will be copied in the Institute and the originals will be returned to their owners without delay. The copies will be preserved in the Institute to serve as materials for a future biography.

While Garrison was very reserved in personal contacts, he was exuberant in his letters. His moods and whatever worried him found expression in letters. Letter-writing was his way to free himself from oppressing thoughts and he not seldom passed harsh judgements on matters and people. It is needless to say that the editor will proceed very carefully in selecting the letters or passages from letters to be published.

Very sincerely yours,



Henry E. Sigerist



Sanford V. Larkey

HES:T

29 September 1941.

Dr. Herbert M. Evans,
Institute of Experimental Biology,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Herbert:

There is a story of Coleridge to the effect that his friends enjoyed lending him books because they always came back enriched with annotations. Your learned comments on the Boerhaave Vesalius are highly informative, and I am having them transcribed for insertion into our copy, and am also sending a transcript to Billy Francis who is, I hope, hard at work finishing off Dr. Cushing's Bibliography of Vesalius. We are urging him to finish it in time for the anniversary in 1943.

We have made note also of your comments on the other items.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

P.S. I trust that the two remaining items were without blemish.

*Know you
it?
to the
Diploma?*

THE YALE MEDICAL LIBRARY

HISTORICAL LIBRARY

CONTAINING THE COLLECTION OF
DR. HARVEY CUSHING

*Thank him for
"Ded. Ceremony"
1st an rpt. of Hist. Lib.*

333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

12 September 1941

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Bill:

Do you know about the Copernicus Society and the contemplated publication of an English translation of De revolutionibus in 1943? Don't you think that we might push the bibliography of Vesalius so that it could appear in the same year? It would be a splendid publication in the Historical Library Monograph Series, and I feel certain that you will cure your diplopia if you really get down to it. I enclose the Copernicus Society announcement. Keep it as I am sure they will send me another.

Yours ever,

Jm

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

W.W.F.

Have you any suggestions?
J.F.F.

11 September 1941.

Robert B. Downs, Esq.,
Director of the Libraries,
New York University,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Downs:

I am not quite certain whether you wish a formal reply to your letter of September 10th. Needless to say, we shall all be much interested in the A.L.A.'s project of issuing a map showing regional library centres and distribution of library resources in the United States. As far as medical libraries are concerned, the strongest from the point of view of general holdings are, in order of importance:

Army Medical Library, Washington, D.C.
New York Academy of Medicine
Boston Medical Library
College of Physicians, Philadelphia
Yale Medical Library
Welch Medical Library

The John Crerar Library in Chicago is also very strong, especially in journal holdings and in early texts; and there are several sound working libraries on the Pacific Coast, the most important of which is the Lane Library at Stanford Medical School, San Francisco, which has special strength in early texts. Our new Historical Library here, of which I enclose the first annual report for your information, is particularly strong in texts bearing upon the history of anatomy, physiology and early surgery. The Library has also concentrated on the history of sciences ancillary to medicine, including astronomy, botany, physics, chemistry and geology.

I trust that this may give you the information which you require.

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

THE COPERNICUS SOCIETY

OF THE BURNDY
LIBRARY, INC.



459 EAST 133 ST.
NEW YORK CITY

ANNOUNCEMENT

In connection with the 400th anniversary of the publication of *De Revolutionibus* by Nicolas Copernicus in 1543, there has been formed the Copernicus Society at 459 East 133rd Street, in New York. The object of the Society will be the publication of the first English translation of this classic in the history of science.

The translator selected is Dr. Edward Rosen, a graduate of Columbia University and a member of the Department of History at the College of the City of New York. Dr. Rosen is the author of "Three Copernican Treatises", comprising the first English edition of the minor astronomical works of Copernicus including the *Commentariolus* and the *Letter Against Werner*, as well as the *Narratio Prima*. The latter work was the first presentation of the Copernican astronomy to an expectant world and was issued from Danzig three years before the publication of *De Revolutionibus*. Dr. Rosen is at present working under a fellowship of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. It is expected that the work of translation will be completed by this outstanding American Copernican scholar in time for the celebration in 1943. Because the year 1543 marked the publication not only of *De Revolutionibus* but also of *De Humani Corporis Fabrica* by the young anatomist, Vesalius, it is regarded as the date when the era of modern science began.

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

18 October 1941.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Bill:

Herewith an extra copy of a brochure I pilfered yesterday at Duke for the Osler Library. Wilder Penfield was there, but I don't know that he had an opportunity to see the exhibit. Trent is a young house officer on Bob Woodhall's brain surgery team, and he really has a flair for books. How are you off for military medicine? I can't seem to recall from the B.O.

When would you like to pay us a visit? I will call a meeting of the Advisory Board whenever you feel so inclined.

Yours ever,



J. F. Fulton, M.D.

*Thank you for the Osler Exhibit.
& photo of Lament museum.
~~more~~ mistakes in one vol. index.
I write that 22 of the 33 corrigenda listed on
p. 8 of H.C.'s 1936 pamphlet, have not been
made in the most index of the 1940 ed.!!*

YALE

21 June, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
383 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Nothing to criticize in your masterly minutes of the 15th, except the following wordings:

P. 3, V,1, line 8: for needed of read needed for
" VI,2, line 1: learned publications?

P. 4, VII,4, attached slip, and your letter of the 19th: I heartily approve Lohman's more manageable titles for Klebs and Streeter.

P. 5, IX: last line is wrong. I take it that you refer to the Financial report as a whole, which is Section IV without numbered paragraphs. The 4th par. of the section has no bearing.

I had a fine afternoon in the library on Monday. You (yes, you) have raised a superb monument and a perfect workshop.

Yours ever,

Rail /

A G E N D A

Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Board Sunday, June 15, 1941, 8 P.M.

- I. Minutes of last meeting
- II. Report of interim meetings of Executive Committee.
- III. The new Yale Medical Library Committee.
- IV. Financial Report
 1. Year 1940-41
 - a. Operations
 - b. Book fund
 2. Year 1941-42, - problems of budgeting.
- V. Report on Cataloguing
 1. General catalogue
 2. Short-title catalogues
- VI. Problems of Policy
 1. Book purchases - and subjects to be strengthened
 2. Subvention of learned publications
 3. Line of division between holdings of Historical and General Medical Libraries
 4. Curators of special subjects
 - Dr. Klebs
 - Dr. Streeter
 5. Dr. Streeter's exhibitions
 6. Department of Medical History
 7. Librarianship
- VII. The Library of the late Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles
- VIII. Single book purchases for consideration
 1. Avicenna MSS
 2. Michael Scotus
- IX. Personnel
 1. Miss Brinton
 2. Miss Stanton
 3. Mrs. Perkins
 4. Mrs. King
 5. Needs and future plans
- X. Miscellaneous business.

9 June 1941.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD:

The Executive Committee of the Advisory Board has expressed the opinion that it will be preferable to have one session only of the Board. This will be held on Sunday evening, June 15th, at 8 P.M. I hope very much that everyone will be able to attend at that time.

I enclose the tentative agenda. If other business is to be brought up, could you kindly inform me before Friday, the 13th?

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

Historical Library

19 June 1941.

Yale

Dear Bill:

Herewith the minutes of Sunday evening's meeting. Will you go over them carefully and let me have any suggestions or corrections?

At Carl Lohmann's suggestion, we are changing Streeter's curatorship to 'Museum Collections, Yale Medical Library'. I trust that this meets with your approval.

Yours ever,

Jm

*have much appreciated your characteristic
prompt & generous letter
B.*

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

YALE

THE MEDICAL LIBRARY

YALE UNIVERSITY

June 15th 1941.

At the inauguration of this gigantic monument, created by the enthusiasm, devotion and love of three warm-hearted heroes and sacrificed to the silenced voices of the past from all dominions of the medical literary world, I sincerely hope and heartily wish that - however brutal and barbaric the voices of the present time may be - here will always be found a home safe for assiduous studies, inquiry into truth and noblehearted humanity.

ERIK WALLER

Stockholm May 31st 1941.

[The above tribute arrived from Dr. Waller by air mail on June 20th. It was immediately acknowledged, and I am sending it herewith to the members of the Advisory Board. J.F.F.]

MINUTES

Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library Yale Medical Library June 15, 1941

YALE

The fourth meeting of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library was held in Room B105 of the Laboratory of Physiology, Sterling Hall of Medicine, at 8.15 P.M. on Sunday, June 15, 1941. There were present: Dr. S. Bayne-Jones, Dr. F. G. Blake, Dr. W. W. Francis, Dr. J. F. Fulton (Chairman), Dr. G. H. Smith, Dr. G. M. Smith, Mr. George Stewart, and Dr. E. C. Streeter. (Dr. Cushing who had been present at the dedication ceremonies was absent for military reasons. Mr. Knollenberg and Dr. Reynolds who were also present at the dedication ceremonies were prevented from being present by illness.)

I. Minutes of last meeting

In calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fulton mentioned regret concerning his absence from the previous meeting of October 19, 1940, and expressed thanks to Dr. Bayne-Jones for having prepared the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

II. Interim meetings of Executive Committee

1. Cataloguing. The Chairman gave a brief résumé of the interim meetings of the Executive Committee of January 9th, February 7th, March 12th, and May 28, 1941, mentioning the recommendation concerning the adoption of the Library of Congress system of classification and of the transfer of books from the University Library. He also referred briefly to certain personnel problems. After some discussion, in which Dr. Streeter mentioned the Boston Medical Library system of classification, it was

VOTED: That the Board endorses the recommendations concerning the adoption by the Yale Medical Library as a whole of the Library of Congress system of classification.

Dr. George H. Smith mentioned that the General Medical Library had already begun to adopt the L.C. call numbers.

2. Patrons of the Yale Medical Library. Drs. Blake and Bayne-Jones outlined the steps which had been taken in establishing the 'Patrons of the Yale Medical Library', and Dr. Blake reported that \$1203. had thus far been received; that the money was not in any way earmarked and could be used for any purpose that the Library Committee recommended. Mr. Stewart emphasized that organizations of this sort were highly important in the present world situation in view of diminishing incomes and the uncertain future of all academic institutions.

III. Yale Medical Library Committee

Dr. Blake's appointment of a general executive committee to deal with the affairs of the Library as a whole was reported. The membership of the Committee as recommended by Dr. Blake and approved by the Board of

Permanent Officers at its meeting on June 12th is as follows:

S. Bayne-Jones, Chairman
 Chairman, Advisory Board, Historical Library (J. F. Fulton)
 Chairman, General Medical Library Committee (G. H. Smith)
 The Dean of the School of Medicine, ex officio (F. G. Blake)

It was pointed out that the new Yale Medical Library Committee would supersede the Executive Committee of the Historical Library, and in view of this circumstance it was

VOTED: That the responsibilities of the Executive Committee of the Historical Library be merged in the new Yale Medical Library Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Board thus ceases to exist as a corporate entity.

IV. Financial report

Dr. Fulton reviewed the financial position of the Historical Library, mentioning the difficulties which existed before the Library's income had been subdivided into Book Fund and Operations Fund. The establishment of the two separate funds (see recommendations of the Executive Committee of January 9, 1941) has proved entirely satisfactory as a working arrangement.

Dr. Fulton reported that in the academic year 1940-1941 [as of June 1, 1941]:

<u>Operations Fund:</u>	Income from Cushing Estate	\$5291.28
	Gift from Mr. Henry F. Pope	1000.00
	Adjustments	1.45
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		\$6292.73
	Expenditures:	8416.24
	<u>Overdrawn:</u>	\$2123.51
 <u>Book Fund:</u>	Balance in setting up new acct.	\$ 577.11
	Income from royalties	3812.03
	Income from sale of duplicates	3120.49
	Varia	7.50
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		\$7517.13
	Charges against Book Fund	3210.02
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	Balance:	\$4307.11

Budget for 1941-1942. Dr. Blake's letter of March 31st concerning the budget for 1941-42 was read, and it was pointed out that of the recommended budget of \$10,300 for staff and current expenses, the University had committed itself to only \$8,300 which might prevent the Library from employing one of its sub-cataloguers as well as two student assistants. No decision has been reached concerning the additional \$2,000 requested in the budget, and after some discussion in which Dr. Blake pointed out that since the combined income of the Cushing Fund and the \$12,000 likely to be yielded

Chas. A. Coffin Memorial

by the Childs Fund did not cover the requirements of the Library as a whole, no decision could be reached at this meeting. (Part of the Childs Fund must necessarily go toward the support of the General Medical Library.) *Chas. A. Coffin Memorial*

In view of the shortness of notice and the urgent need of cataloguing assistance, Dr. Fulton asked whether the salary of the subcataloguer could be met during the summer from income from the Patrons. No decision was reached, and the matter was referred to the Yale Medical Library Committee which will have its first meeting on Wednesday, June 18th, at 4 P.M.

V. Report on cataloguing

1. General catalogue. Dr. Fulton gave an account of the progress of cataloguing of books in the Historical Library, and mentioned that the staff had been occupied during the past six months almost continuously with classification and arrangement of books on the shelves, and that apart from the author catalogue it had been impossible to do formal or final cataloguing of the collection as a whole. Cards have been received from the Library of Congress to the number of 12,528, and probably more than 100,000 will be needed *for.* ² of our present holdings, exclusive of the books likely to be transferred from the central University Library.

Minutes, please, also mentioned that the work of arrangement and classification had prevented further work on the short-title catalogue. After full discussion of the catalogue situation, it was unanimously agreed that **CORRECTIONS** *requested to interrupt the work of formal cataloguing until the short-title catalogue of the collections of Dr. Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library, Yale Medical Library, June 15, 1941. be issued as soon as possible in order to preserve a record of the individual collections. The staff is fully aware that the staff has heavy responsibilities in other directions, especially with regard to the transfer of books from* **Page 3, lines 1 & 2 For Childs, read Charles A. Coffin Memorial** *catalogue should now have priority.*

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1. VI, 2, line 1. ~~For societies,~~ read publications in the question of strengthening individual subjects such as apparatus for the study of medical history, primate literature, history of psychiatry, physiology, etc., and while the policy of extending fields in which we already have strength was generally approved, no formal action was taken.

2. Subvention of learned societies. The problem of policy with regard to official publications sponsored by the Historical Library was discussed at some length. It was recommended that a series of publications from the Historical Library, Yale Medical Library, be inaugurated and that they be issued in numerical sequence. It was further recommended that the short-title catalogue of Dr. Cushing's library be issued as Publication No. 1, the short-title catalogue of Dr. Childs' library as Publication No. 2, and the short-title catalogue of Dr. Fulton's collection as Publication No. 3.

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VI. Problems of policy

1. Book purchases. The Chairman raised for discussion the question of strengthening individual subjects such as apparatus for the study of medical history, primate literature, history of psychiatry, physiology, etc., and while the policy of extending fields in which we already have strength was generally approved, no formal action was taken.

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RECOMMENDED: That Dr. T. C. Ruch's Bibliographia primatologica be sponsored by the Historical Library as Publication No. 4, with the understanding that the Library shall become the owner of all copies and that royalties from sales shall accrue to the Book Fund of the Historical Library.

In the discussion of the proposal concerning the publication of Dr. Ruch's bibliography, Dr. Fulton raised the question whether income from royalties might not appropriately be set aside for subventing the official publications of the Library. After some discussion it was

RECOMMENDED: That the amount used for subvention of publications should in general not exceed that derived from royalty income.

It was felt wiser not to set up two funds but to judge each new publication on the basis of its merit, and whether or not the Library could support the publication in question would depend upon the balance available in the Book Fund as a whole.

3. Holdings of the Historical and General Medical Library. It was briefly reported that the year 1900 had been settled upon as a suitable dividing line for the holdings in the two divisions of the Library. Certain exceptions were discussed, but the matter was not elaborated.

4. Curators. The votes passed by the Board of Permanent Officers on June 12th were enthusiastically approved. They were as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Advisory Board of

*Note. At Mr. Lohmann's suggestion, the designation of these curatorships has been changed as follows:

Dr. Klebs: Honorary Curator of Incunabula

Dr. Streeter: Honorary Curator of Museum Collections,
Yale Medical Library

without stipend, or Dr. Edward Clark Streeter as Curator of the Collections of Weights & Measures and of Early Pharmaceutical Implements and the literature and illustration pertaining thereto for a period of three years as from July 1, 1941 (Professorial Rank).

5. Dr. Streeter's gifts. Dr. Streeter's gifts of the early pharmacies and early pharmaceutical implements together with his gift of a unique collection of weights and measures was formally reported to the Advisory Board. The collections had been thrown open for public inspection for the first time at the dedication ceremonies during the preceding afternoon. Dr. Streeter had been obliged to withdraw from the meeting because of the lateness of the hour, and Dr. Fulton was instructed by the rest of the Committee to prepare a vote of appreciation for the gifts. The text of the votes is as follows:

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The Executive Committee of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library wishes to recommend the appointment of Dr. Arnold C. Klebs as Honorary Curator of Incunabula Literature in the Historical Library (Professorial Rank) for a period of three years, as from July 1, 1941.

The Executive Committee of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library wishes to recommend the appointment, without stipend, of Dr. Edward Clark Streeter as Curator of the Collections of Weights & Measures and of Early Pharmaceutical Implements and the literature and illustration pertaining thereto for a period of three years as from July 1, 1941 (Professorial Rank).

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The Advisory Board of the Historical Library wishes to express its most appreciative thanks to Dr. Edward Clark Streeter for his gift of a unique collection of weights and measures dating from the earliest civilizations of which we have record to relatively modern times. The Board is likewise indebted to Dr. Streeter for another collection of early pharmaceutical jars and other implements concerned with the dispensing of drugs in early times, and wishes to extend its thanks for the gift and for the time and care that he has personally devoted to the arrangement of both collections in the Historical Library.

The Advisory Board of the Historical Library wishes to record its deep gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth S. Lewis for their continued interest in the welfare of the Historical Library, particularly for their recent gift of the specially constructed exhibition cases for the Streeter Collection of Weights and Measures.

6. Department of Medical History. Owing to the lateness of the hour, no discussion took place.

7. Librarianship. Various proposals for Librarian of the Yale Medical Library were discussed, but it was decided that no recommendation could be made until the question of a Department of Medical History had been settled, and until further funds had been secured for the support of the Library as a whole, or a separate department.

VII. The library of the late Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles

Dr. Fulton reported upon the deposition of the library of the late Dr. Stiles, and after some discussion it was the consensus of the meeting that every effort should be made to acquire the library permanently since the collection is regarded as unique in the field of animal parasites. Dr. Fulton mentioned that the Historical Library could contribute \$500 during the present year toward its purchase from the Book Fund.

VIII. Single book purchases

Two items were brought up: 1. An XVIIIth century Avicenna MS. It was recommended that this be not purchased.

2. The editio princeps of Michael Scot's Physionomia, Venice, 1477, at \$300 from Mr. Schuman. It was recommended that this book be acquired through the exchange of duplicates.

IX. Personnel

The activities of the present personnel of the Historical Library were briefly outlined and the urgent need of the retention of the present staff and of the ultimate increase in our cataloguing personnel was pointed out. No decision was reached beyond that mentioned above under paragraph 4 of the financial report.

X. Miscellaneous business

Cables of felicitation were read from Mr. Muirhead of London and Dr. Arnold Klebs, and several letters from friends in this country. After reading the cable from Dr. Klebs of June 14, 1941, as follows: "REGRETTING ABSENCE HAVE GEORGE PLEDGE WHOLE COLLECTION TO MEDICAL HISTORICAL WITH OVERFLOW TO WELCH AND N Y ACADEMY LIBRARIES IN HAPPY CONTINUATION OF OUR COLLABORATION", the Board listened to the following statement by George Stewart:

"I do hereby pledge Dr. Klebs' whole collection of medical and scientific books to the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library pursuant to the above cable, and ask this Committee to take proper steps to inform the President and Fellows of this action and upon their acceptance of this pledge to notify Dr. Arnold C. Klebs of Les Terrasses, Nyon, Switzerland."

At the conclusion of this statement, the Committee spoke warmly of the long continued collaboration of Dr. Cushing, Dr. Fulton, and Dr. Klebs, and of the spirit of friendship and scholarly accord which prompted the three to give their books to this Library, and:

RESOLVED: That the Advisory Board of the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library instruct Dr. Fulton to send a cable tonight to Dr. Klebs, telling him of the happy events of this day; the following note to be sent by post.

Dear Dr. Klebs:

With this letter we are sending you the invitation and the program and the Blessing of the Books, to let you know of the happy events which have been occurring here with us.

You would have been delighted at the appearance of the Library - its architectural beauty, the sight of books upon the shelves, the knowledge that there would forever be a safe place here for all your own collection, beside the books of the two men with whom you collaborated with such warm friendship for so many years.

All the speakers mentioned you most warmly and spoke particularly of the spirit of accord, the warm friendship, and the clear vision which motivated all three of you as you planned and dreamed of this center of learning for the generations that are to come. Perhaps there is now no place in the world where there is as fine a collection of books and apparatus for the study of science and medicine. All of us who were here today knew and spoke of the vision which you three had which made this center possible.

There were many gracious words directed toward you. The Sterling Estate which gave the building, the University authorities, Dr. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth Lewis, Mr. Childs who has given a handsome endowment fund, and all those who have made valuable gifts in the short time the Library has been in existence, were all given a word of thanks. John Fulton modestly refused to let us say much about him, but his spirit and friendliness did much to make the occasion memorable, as everyone felt it was.

You would have been pleased at the warm words spoken of Dr. Cushing. The whole tenor and mood of the meeting was, we believe, qualitatively of a kind that would have pleased you, and wholly in the spirit of the collaboration which was so precious, to him and to John, with yourself. There was nothing solemn or pompous about the ceremony. It was carried out in an atmosphere which showed an appreciation of the significance of the event and with the dignity worthy of such an occasion.

The telegram which you sent to John and which he read to us was warmly appreciated. George Stewart then formally made the pledge pursuant to the telegram, and asked that this be carried to the President and the Fellows of the University, which would accept and hold your books for the use of the Historical Library.

Very sincerely yours,

[signed] Francis G. Blake
S. Bayne-Jones
George H. Smith

The Committee adjourned at 11.40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.
Chairman, Advisory Board

Fulton

10 June, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

What a gadabout fly-by-night you are -- Rochester one day, Ann Arbor the next, home the next! With fingerprints in order, I hope to be with you at dawn on Saturday and stay till Monday night. Of course I'll be delighted to take to the Connecticut hills with you and Castiglioni on Saturday afternoon.

rechecked We had a fine week-end at Port Hope, Toronto, and Niagara, and my speech at the old school was voted a success, even apparently by the ~~visiting~~ squad of 40 boys rounded up for the purpose from watching the cricket match!

A bientôt,

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333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

2 June 1941.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 28th. I saw Miss Naylor at Ann Arbor, and she will of course receive an invitation. She is quite a gal, and referred to you with every emotion.

Now that your speeches are over, I hope you will enjoy the month of June. We are keenly looking forward to having you with us, and I hope that you will feel like attending the Beaumont Club meeting up in the Connecticut Hills on Saturday afternoon. John Homans and Castiglioni are coming; so with you, there will be a nice eternal triangle.

We also had a very lively meeting of the H.C.Society in Rochester, New York, on Thursday and Friday. I skipped off after the annual banquet on Friday night to join all your old gals of the Library Association in Ann Arbor Saturday morning. I arrived back safely from Detroit Saturday evening.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

*In H.W.F.'s apartment
J.F.*

29 May 1941.

File

Dr. S. Bayne-Jones,
3034A, Farnam Memorial Building.

Dear B.J.:

I have been trying to discover the best time to hold a meeting of our Advisory Board around the 15th of June, and have reached the conclusion that Sunday morning, the 15th, is when most of the members are likely to be free. This will mean, of course, that George Stewart will not be able to be present, but I thought we might have a brief session after the dedication, to let him know what had happened in the morning and also to finish up anything we might not have done in the earlier session. I fear if we leave the meeting until after the dedication it will be too hectic, and there are two or three members who will definitely not be able to come then.

Would it be convenient, therefore, for you to attend a meeting on Sunday morning, June 15th, at ten o'clock?

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

28 May, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Thanks for yours of the 26th and its news that Arnold and Dorothy came through the blast. Also for the Coloviras letter, returned herewith. I'll give him a hearty incunabulistic welcome.

a/ Could the Academy of Medicine of Northern New Jersey, 91 Lincoln Park, Newark, or its Librarian, be sent an invitation to the opening? She, Miss Naylor, was here yesterday on her way to the M.L.A. and wants to be at Yale for the 15th. She's a friend of mine, but which is the attraction I'm not sure -- you or I or the new library.

I'm sweating blood at the moment over two speeches (of the usually speechless) for tomorrow and Saturday.

Yours ever,

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Fulton.

22 May, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

I return the chit about the advisory meeting. Any of the proposed times would suit me. I meant to leave Sunday evening but would stay over Monday if necessary.

Have you heard anything from Arnold lately? Hilda's sister, in a letter from Muswell Hill, 25 April, says that a "land mine" fell in "The Limes Avenue" and killed a lot of people. If Arnold and Dorothy had been among the casualties, I would probably have heard from you before this.

Yours ever,

Bill

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26 May 1941.

FULLTON

Dear Bill:

Your letter mentioning the landmine that fell in The Limes Avenue put us into a tail-spin because when we began to check up on Arnold's letters we discovered that we had not had anything later than April 24th. But this morning an air mail letter dated May 14th arrived at Mill Rock saying that he had given a full description of the havoc in a surface letter written to me. The latter I have not yet received. It seems that they were neither of them injured, but their house was pretty badly shaken up; but I gather that none of his books were destroyed. They lost all their windows for the second time, and most of their plaster came down on their heads.

We are all to-day still mourning the loss of the Hood. It brings the whole thing very close.

I have your message via Mrs. Peters. We are sorry that Hilda cannot be with us, but I feared the difficulties of getting out of Canada just now would be insuperable.

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

26 May 1941.

Mr. George J. Coloviras, Jr.,
Johns Hopkins Medical School,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Coloviras:

Many thanks for your letter. I am
delighted to learn that you are going to be at McGill
near the Osler Library. I am sure you will give and
receive much during your year there.

I hope that you will be able to stop off
en route to see the new Library. If I am not in
New Haven, be sure to ask for Miss Stanton.

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

Bill:

Keen an eye on this boy. He is a
great enthusiast and I think you will en-
joy having him near at hand. He has been
very helpful in digging up things about
H.C. from the Hopkins records.

*He wrote J. that he wanted
to come to R.V.H. He was
the indispensable in
the Osler Library!*

J.F.F.
J.F.F.

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Historical Library

14 May 1941.

YALE

Dear Bill:

We are delighted to know that you will be arriving Saturday morning, June 14th. The invitation was of course a preliminary, unofficial document and you will presently receive one addressed to Dr. and Mrs.' in a suitably inscribed envelope. We hope Hilda may be able to get away, but I know how difficult it is in these troubled times. Henry Cushing and Mardee will be staying with us, and we have just heard also that Aunt Sue is coming, so it will be a gay houseful.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

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333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 14, 1941

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am delighted to learn that you will be here for the opening of the Library on June 15. I am taking great pleasure in replying to your letter, since it has the distinction of being the first to come. I am still bearing up under John's enthusiasms, which now and then need a little control. However, the budget still seems to be solvent, and I get my usual amount of sleep.

Sincerely yours,

Francis G. Blake

Francis G. Blake
Acting Dean

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YALE

10 May, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Who could resist the pull of such a magnet as that antique-Fell-looking, outsize invitation? You send it for my "delectation"; being in doubt whether it is yet "released" for action, I am sending my acceptance personally and informally to the Dean. Also, finger-prints permitting and thanks to the hoarded remains of your 10 U.S. dollars, I hope to blow in on you (according to habit) about 7 a.m. on Sat., June 14, attend the Advisory meeting and stay till Sunday evening.

Thanks for writing to Griffith. Ned Revere is W. O.'s legal executor, Archie and I his illegal literary do.'s, so Archie, occupying the via media, manages all the copyright correspondence for the triumvirate. To Ned belongs the boodle, chiefly from Acquaintances, but he nobly divvies up.

Child psychology:- Hilda took three London medical evacuees to the circus yesterday afternoon. Peter, not yet 3, hurried through his breakfast and wanted to start then. "Oh no, the circus doesn't open till after lunch". So he dashed to the kitchen and demanded his lunch instantly!

Yours ever,

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7 May 1941.

YHLE

Dear Bill:

It is always pleasant to hear from you even though your trachea has had income-tax complications. I have always thought that there was an intimate relation between the ex-chequer and the vagus.

I have written to your friend Griffith and enclose a carbon. Why ever did the O.U.P. refer him to A.M.? The request should more properly, it seems to me, have gone to you direct.

I enclose for your delectation a copy of the invitation to the dedication. It came off the Press this morning. It is a little large, but I hope you may like it nevertheless.

George Stewart says that he can come on Saturday for a meeting of the Advisory Board, so could you plan to come down a day early?

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

1 May, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

I enclose a copy of a letter of E. F. Griffith, 104 Harley St.,
3 Mar., 1941, to Archie Malloch, asking for permission to quote extensively
from W. O. and the Life. The C.U.P. ought, of course, to have referred him
to you for the latter. It would save months if you would write him direct.

Many thanks for waiving the royalties on the ten copies McGill
wants for an annual prize. It was Vaudrin's own suggestion. They have just
sent me bound copies by mistake, nicely complicating the customs rigmarole, &c.!

Others having failed the Headmaster, I'm threatened with the prob-
ability of having to open a new hospital given to the old School at Port Hope,
on the 17th.

I've had a bad ten days with a cold and bronchitis, complicated by
income tax.

Love to you and all.

Yours ever,

Bill

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NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

22 March 1941.

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Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Bill:

We had a combined meeting yesterday of the staff members of the General and Historical Libraries, ten fine gals, with George Smith and J.F.F. like cherub and seraph sitting at the head of the table.

The point about the L.C. system of call numbers is that in the Historical Library at least a third of its titles fall outside the sphere of medicine, and the Yale system for general science is antiquated, inadequate, without syllabus, and for the past ten years every time Miss Wildes has acquired a book on chemistry she has had to spend half a day consulting with the cataloguers of the University Library before deciding upon a call number. The L.C. system, on the other hand, has a very adequate subdivision of general science with a good syllabus that will prevent our wasting time attempting to coordinate with the Yale Library. I have no doubt that the Yale Library will sometime in the near future be obliged to revise its general science classification, and they would certainly be well advised when they do this to become modernized and take up the L.C. system.

There are many other reasons that I will send you sometime later[†] in a memorandum I am forwarding to Mr. Knollenberg. If we lie supine now and continue with all the inconveniences and inadequacies of the Yale system, our classification will be second-rate and our capacity to articulate with other libraries seriously hampered. Perhaps by taking this step, we may indirectly benefit the mother library.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

J. Fulton

18 March, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
335 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Thanks for the minutes of Mar. 12th. I hope to be there on June 15th and have written to "Downright Sue" Blethan of Ann Arbor that I can't manage the M.L.A. meeting there at the end of May.

Is the "earnest hope" that A. C. K. may be there really a possibility? I wrote to Sarah the other day, as I had had no news of him for so long.

Of course I don't know all your reasons, but it seems a pity to change all those call numbers, especially as internal uniformity ought to be more convenient than external. Perhaps "Knolly" will veto that L. of C. call-number recommendation?

You must have your hands full!

Yours ever,

Bill

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE HISTORICAL LIBRARY
Yale University School of Medicine
March 12, 1941

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called in Dr. Blake's office on March 12th at 2 P.M. to consider the opening ceremony of the Yale Medical Library and certain cataloguing problems which have arisen in connection with the Historical and General Libraries. There were present Drs. Bayne-Jones, Blake, Fulton and G. H. Smith. The Committee sat as representing both divisions of the Library.

I. THE OPENING CEREMONY

After full discussion of the opening ceremony, the following recommendations were made:

(1) Date: To hold the opening ceremony on Sunday, June 15th, at 4 P.M. [rather than on Saturday, the 14th, since the Harvard-Yale boat races have been moved ahead to this date].

(2) Program: A tentative program was settled upon as follows:

Introduction

Wilmarth S. Lewis, Chairman, Committee on Yale Libraries and Museums.

Presentation

Charles Seymour, President of Yale University.

Presentation from the Class of 1891

Frederic Collin Walcott, member of the Class.

Acceptance for the School of Medicine

Francis G. Blake, Dean of the Yale University School of Medicine.

Address

John Homans, Surgeon.

Benediction

Reverend George Stewart, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Connecticut.

Dr. Fulton was authorized to approach Dr. Homans for the principal address and to consult with Mr. Lewis in regard to presiding over the meeting. The question of whether Senator Walcott or Mr. Starling Childs would be invited to represent the Class of '91 was left open pending further discussion with Mr. Lewis and the President.

It was also voted to have included on the platform Drs. Blumer, Winternitz and Bayne-Jones as former Deans, Mr. Knollenberg as the University Librarian, and Mr. Atterbury as architect of the building. The Committee earnestly hopes that Dr. Arnold Klebs may also be present to take part in the ceremony.

(3) The form of invitation recommended was as follows:

The Dean and Board of Permanent Officers
of the
Yale University School of Medicine
request the honor of your presence
at the opening ceremony of the
YALE MEDICAL LIBRARY
on Sunday June 15 1941
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Mr. Rollins, Printer to the University, will be invited to prepare the invitations suitably along with the program. They will be sent out sometime late in April or early May.

(4) Invited guests: It was suggested that individual invitations be sent to all Yale medical alumni [to be posted from Dr. Robbins' office when the programs for the Alumni meeting are sent out], to the graduating class and to representatives of the undergraduate classes of the School of Medicine, to the Faculty of the School of Medicine, to the Yale College Class of 1891, to various medical librarians, friends of the Library, and the family of Dr. Harvey Cushing.

(5) Place of ceremony: Unless attendance is unduly large, the meeting will be held in the main room of the Historical Library. Tea will be served in the Beaumont Room.

II. CATALOGUING PROBLEMS

Dr. Fulton outlined the cataloguing problems which have arisen and presented a memorandum dealing with this and various other administrative questions. The memo. ran as follows, with certain modifications introduced as the result of discussion at the meeting:

A number of problems have arisen in connection with the cataloguing of books in the two divisions of the Yale Medical Library which require early action by the committees responsible for the administration of the General and Historical Library respectively. Decisions must be reached as soon as possible since they will affect plans, not only for the placement and cataloguing of the books, but also for the transfer of the large amount of material which Mr. Knollenberg has placed at our disposal from the University Library. Dr. George H. Smith and Dr. Fulton would especially appreciate an expression of opinion concerning the following:

I. Essential unity of the Library. Though the Library is made up of two functional divisions, it is essential that there be close integration between the two divisions to prevent overlapping and duplication, and to promote close cooperation and effective utilization of our facilities. To emphasize this unity, it would seem desirable to have a single opening ceremony rather than a general ceremony followed by a special ceremony for the Historical Library.

II. Classification and call numbers. The University Library has used a slightly modified Library of Congress system of classification for its medical and scientific literature, but most unfortunately, although employing this system, it has adopted an arbitrary assignment of call numbers which differs from that used by the Library of Congress. Thus Medicine

in the Library of Congress system comes under the general letter R, while at the Yale Library it has similar subdivisions but the general call number is T. As a medical library we shall be obliged to articulate with the Library of Congress and with other libraries which use L.C. call numbers; if we follow the Yale system, we shall be able readily to articulate only with the University Library from which we shall have removed all purely medical holdings. The General Library in the past has followed the University Library in its special call numbers. Our advisors in the University Library feel, in the light of past experience, that this has been unwise, and it is therefore essential to decide whether our General Library and the Historical Library will adhere to Library of Congress call numbers or follow the Yale system. The problem is serious since the holdings in the General Library are now classified in accordance with the Yale system, as is all the material coming here from the University Library. The holdings in the Historical Library are being classified according to L.C., but they can be changed to Yale without serious difficulty.

Shall we therefore follow L.C. now or follow the Yale system? It would be out of the question for the General Library to use one system and the Historical Library another, if unity is to be achieved in the administration of the Library as a whole.

III. Periodical literature. It is recommended that the Historical and General Libraries combine their serials into a single alphabet which will include all medical serials to be transferred from the central library. With duplicate journal files for which there is great demand, it is suggested that the second file be arranged as a 'second copy' in the same alphabetical sequence with the first one. This would apply to seconds of the J.A.M.A., J. Physiol., etc.

IV. Textbooks, monographs and pamphlets. The dividing line between the holdings of the Historical and General Libraries, insofar as general medical literature is concerned, has required careful thought, and our tentative recommendations are as follows: That the Historical Library assume responsibility for

(a) All books and pamphlets relating to historical matters in the sphere of medicine and general science;

(b) All medical and scientific biographies.

(c) Bibliographies, biographical dictionaries, and other literary tools essential for historical research. It is understood that certain bibliographical works and dictionaries will be needed for cataloguing purposes in the General Library, but the general repository for such collections will be in the Historical Library.

(d) Medical texts. All general texts, special monographs and pamphlets printed prior to 1900 shall be assigned to the Historical Library, whereas such works printed thereafter shall be catalogued and cared for by the General Library. This allocation may prove satisfactory as a first approximation, but there will inevitably be exceptions. The most important exceptions so far anticipated are as follows:

(i) Old editions of textbooks and systems of medicine which are still current, which will remain with the General Library.

(ii) Special subject collections which because of their completeness should remain together as a separately classified unit. The special collections already available to the Library will be discussed in an appendix.

(iii) Government documents, health reports, annual reports, etc., which although not ordinarily included with periodicals, would fall under the more general heading of serials and would be catalogued by the General Library.

V. Catalogues. A general catalogue of all holdings will be available in the General Library. The Historical Library catalogue will include only the Historical Library's holdings, but in this sphere there will be subject and other secondary entries not available in the general catalogue. Author cards of all holdings in the Yale Medical Library will be deposited in the University Library.

VI. Manuscripts. All MSS. and autographed letters, whether ancient or modern, will be cared for by the Historical Library, except for theses and other materials bearing upon the history of the School, which will be administered by the General Library.

VII. Prints and medals. All medical and scientific prints, medals, decorations and other commemorative objects shall come under the care of the Historical Library.

VIII. Surgical instruments. Early surgical instruments, medical and scientific apparatus, pharmaceutical jars or preparations, weights and measures, will also be cared for by the Historical Library.

IX. Photographic facilities. No provision has as yet been made for operating the rectigraph and other photographic facilities. It is believed that with the guidance of Mr. Ludwig of the University Library, the administrative responsibility may be assigned to some responsible individual connected with the staff of the Historical Library. As yet there has been no budgetary allocation for technical assistance in the operation of the photographic equipment.

X. Periodical Room. This shall be the responsibility of the General Library, and all current periodicals including those on the history of medicine and science will be available in this room. Second copies of bound files of journals such as the Annals of Medical History, Isis, etc. will be available in the Historical Library for immediate reference, but the principal copy will be, as indicated in Paragraph III above, in the general periodical file.

XI. Modern books. The General Library assumes responsibility for procurement and cataloguing of all modern medical literature from 1900 on, with the exceptions indicated in Paragraph IV above and in the appendix.

XII. Student typing rooms. The General Medical Library will assume administrative responsibility of the students' typing rooms.

The proposed administrative allocations were accepted subject to subsequent modification in the light of response from members of the Advisory Board of the Historical Library and the Committee of the General Library.

It was formally

Recommended: To adopt the Library of Congress classification as well as the call numbers for the Yale Medical Library.

This will mean changing the present Yale system of call-number designation in the General Library to the Library of Congress system. Before formal action is taken on this recommendation, it is to be referred to Mr. Knollenberg for his consideration.

The proposal concerning curators for special collections discussed in the appendix attached herewith was given careful consideration and approved in principle, but details were left for further study at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

(1) History of Psychiatry: Dr. Clements S. Fry. It is suggested that Dr. Fry be given a formal appointment as "Curator" of psychiatric history.

(2) General Biology: That Dr. George M. Smith be made Curator of books on general biology with special reference to ichthyology.

(3) Primate Biology: That Dr. T. C. Koch, who is just publishing a classified bibliography of primate literature, be made responsible for the primate collections and that he be given authority within the limits of funds available to strengthen our holdings. The nucleus of the collection has already been brought together in the Laboratory of Physiology and will be transferred to the Library at an early date.

(4) Military Medicine: The Historical Library has an extensive nucleus of early works on military medicine drawn largely from Dr. Cushing's holdings. Dr. Fulton has recently presented a collection of books dealing with military medicine of the present war. It is suggested that some interested person be made responsible for integrating and strengthening these collections as a part of the present war effort. Would Dr. Harvey or Dr. Paul be willing to assume this responsibility?

(5) Neurology: Through recent gifts of Mrs. Dunser de Beronne, Dr. Cushing, and Dr. Fulton, the Library has acquired a thoroughly well-rounded and important collection of general neurological literature. This collection when combined will be one of the strongest available in this country; but it can be still further strengthened. Would Dr. Burr be willing to assume responsibility for this collection?

(6) Anatomy: Dr. Arturo Castiglioni, Research Associate in the Historical Library, is a distinguished authority upon the history of anatomy and should be made responsible for this field.

(7) Physiology: Dr. Fulton has attempted during the past fifteen years to bring together a representative library on the history of physiology.

APPENDIX

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CURATORS

In any sphere of collecting, strength is achieved through giving responsibility for a particular subject to an interested individual. We have in the Yale Medical Library and in the School a number of individuals and friends interested in particular topics. Thus Dr. George M. Smith is deeply interested and has extensively collected ichthyology and certain phases of the history of biology. These collections he proposes sometime soon to present to the Library. Dr. Clements C. Fry similarly has brought together a large collection on the history of psychiatry, many items of which he has already presented to the Library. Dr. Streeter, who has already presented invaluable special collections of books, early pharmacies, and a unique collection of weights and measures, will no doubt be willing to help us strengthen these collections. It would seem wise, therefore, to appoint curators of special collections without any hard-and-fast dividing line of date, making them responsible for the entire literature or museum collection in a given field. Subjects and individuals which might receive assignment in this manner from the Yale Medical Library would appear to be the following:

(1) History of Psychiatry: Dr. Clements C. Fry. It is suggested that Dr. Fry be given a formal appointment as "Curator" of psychiatric history.

(2) General Biology: That Dr. George M. Smith be made Curator of books on general biology with special reference to ichthyology.

(3) Primate Biology: That Dr. T. C. Ruth, who is just publishing a classified bibliography of primate literature, be made responsible for the primate collections and that he be given authority within the limits of funds available to strengthen our holdings. The nucleus of the collection has already been brought together in the Laboratory of Physiology and will be transferred to the Library at an early date.

(4) Military Medicine: The Historical Library has an extensive nucleus of early works on military medicine drawn largely from Dr. Cushing's holdings. Dr. Fulton has recently presented a collection of books dealing with military medicine of the present war. It is suggested that some interested person be made responsible for integrating and strengthening these collections as a part of the present war effort. Would Dr. Harvey or Dr. Paul be willing to assume this responsibility?

(5) Neurology: Through recent gifts of Mrs. Dusser de Barenne, Dr. Cushing, and Dr. Fulton, the Library has acquired a thoroughly well-rounded and important collection of general neurological literature. This collection when combined will be one of the strongest available in this country; but it can be still further strengthened. Would Dr. Burr be willing to assume responsibility for this collection?

(6) Anatomy: Dr. Arturo Castiglioni, Research Associate in the Historical Library, is a distinguished authority upon the history of anatomy and should be made responsible for this field.

(7) Physiology: Dr. Fulton has attempted during the past fifteen years to bring together a representative library on the history of physiology.

He intends to continue strengthening the collection, and would be glad to assume responsibility for this general field.

(8) Beaumont Materials: Would Dr. Thoma become Curator of the Beaumont Collection?

(9) Yale Medical Collections: Dr. George H. Smith has consented to be Curator of the collections bearing on the history of the Yale School of Medicine.

(10) Atypical Growth: There are many other special fields represented in the Library, such as atypical growth which has been greatly strengthened through the efforts of Dr. Bayne-Jones who has consented to act as Curator.

(11) Herbals and Pharmaceutical Collection: Dr. Edward C. Streeter (see first paragraph of Appendix).

Modern psychiatry has been much strengthened through the activities of Drs. Kahn, Miles and Gessell and other members of the Institute staff. In surgery we are strong in certain spheres but weak in others, and there is room for systematic expansion in the surgical specialties. Would Drs. Harvey, Oughterson or German care to make assignments of special fields?

In general medicine, the Library needs more systematic buying, particularly in the special fields where purchases continue to be rather haphazard, depending upon the chance interest of a faculty member. There has not been systematic study of the reviews in all fields with a view to making representative purchases of sound books, whether they are requested specifically or no. In this latter procedure we have the benefit of the experience of large libraries such as the Columbia University Library, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the Boston Medical Library which search the review literature systematically and make purchases on the basis of the general tenor of the reviews.

Cataloguing of special collections. The problem of cataloguing and supervision of the special collections will in each case have to be decided on its merits. Thus, the George M. Smith Collection would presumably come to the Historical Library since most of his holdings are old, whereas war medicine should more properly be under the jurisdiction of the General Library. Neurology occupies an intermediary position, and the old books could be catalogued by the Historical Library and the more modern volumes by the General, but the collection as a whole should remain united, irrespective of date.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

USE OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION
FOR YALE MEDICAL LIBRARY

ADVANTAGES OF USING LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

- I. Use for subjects outside of Science and Medicine
 - A. Yale notation would have to be copied for each such class
- II. Yale classification for Pure and Natural Sciences not adaptable for Medical Library collections; e.g. S!
 - A. General Medical Library is also having an increasing number of subjects which do not fall into the medical classification.
- III. Call numbers for most monographs coming to Historical Library will have to be changed to larger or group classification.
 - A. Labels have to be changed in any event.
 - B. Cutter numbers instead of Biscoe numbers have to be used in the Historical Library.
 - C. Nervous and Mental Diseases classification has to be changed.
- IV. In the General Medical Library, classification on Library of Congress cards could be used without adaptation in many instances.

DISADVANTAGES OF USING LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

- I. Outlined in Miss Monrad's memorandum
- II. Amount of work involved.
- III. In the University Library, the letters which we should use for our classes, would indicate a different subject.

THE YALE MEDICAL LIBRARY

HISTORICAL LIBRARY

CONTAINING THE COLLECTION OF
DR. HARVEY CUSHING

333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

February 21, 1941

My dear Doctor Francis:

I was very glad to learn from a letter of Mrs. Kunstler that you have seen my book and that you like it. I will be very happy if you will find the time to give your judgment about it in the Canadian Medical Journal and I hope you will be kind enough to send me a copy of the issue or at least a clipping of your review.

I am working now at the Historical Library which is really splendid and I hope to have the opportunity to see you sometime here. I believe you would enjoy very much seeing the precious collection of old and rare books. At the present conditions it is unfortunately very difficult for me and almost impossible to come to Montreal but I hope that things will change and some time I will be able to pay a visit to you and to your town. I am with many thanks and best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A. Castiglioni

Arturo Castiglioni

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

333 CEDAR STREET
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18 February 1941.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter and for enclosing from Blackwell's catalogue the leaf drawing my attention to William Hooke's "New Englands Teares, for Old Englands Feares"; quite topical, as you say. That reminds me that while in England I found a book published in 1681 entitled 'Dreadful fighting in the AYR'.

I am glad the Osler Society dinner went off well, and I was much flattered that they should have considered me for their annual orator. I would love to have come, but life is just a little too complicated at the moment.

The Library is getting on nicely except we haven't any money to furnish it.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

17 February, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Thanks for the minutes of 7 Feb. Things are coming on, and
I hope some endowment is in sight.

A very pleasant Osler Society dinner on Sat., with entertaining
reminiscences of 1890-1910 by our A. H. Gordon. A good letter of greetings
from Sir Chas. from Caius. Did I hear that he has promulgated some more
Brabantian Assays? He doubtless does it with that twinkle in his eye.

All well here. Love to L. and your entourage.

Yours ever,

W. W. F.

rec'd 1.41.

YALE

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE HISTORICAL LIBRARY
Yale University School of Medicine
January 9, 1941

The meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Library of the Laboratory of Physiology on Thursday, January 9, 1941. There were present Drs. Bayne-Jones, Blake, George H. Smith and J. F. Fulton. The meeting was called to deal with certain pressing matters that required action prior to the meeting of the Yale Corporation on January 10th and 11th. Agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

I. Cataloguing and Classification

A brief report was given concerning the progress in the cataloguing of Dr. Cushing's books and of the delay occasioned by the unfortunate death of Mr. Schaltenbrand. It was mentioned that a number of special problems have arisen, as follows:

System of classification. Since there had been no attempt to classify Dr. Cushing's books prior to their removal two weeks ago to the new premises, the problem of what system of classification to employ has immediately arisen. Miss Brinton has surveyed the various systems of classification. Dewey, being definitely inappropriate for a medical library, was immediately excluded. The Boston Medical Library system which has now been officially adopted by the Medical Library Association and by some six hundred medical libraries in the world at large was given careful consideration since it is regarded as the most suitable available system for a purely medical collection.

After full discussion of the Boston Medical system as contrasted with that of the Library of Congress, the Executive Committee voted to support Miss Brinton's recommendation of the L.C. system for the following reasons:

(i) All medical holdings in the Yale University Library are classified in accordance with L.C., and we wish in the future to have the Medical Library articulate closely with the University Library.

(ii) The General Medical Library has similarly followed the L.C. system and a change in the Historical Library would mean change in the General Library as well.

(iii) Financial expediency and our general shorthandedness as far as cataloguers are concerned would, for the time being, preclude change in the classification in the General Library.

(iv) The Historical Library is not restricted to medicine but embraces nearly all of the sciences, and L.C. is far better suited for astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, etc., than the Boston Medical system. Drs. Bayne-Jones and Blake pointed out that bacteriology as a preclinical science is much more systematically worked out in L.C. than in the Boston Medical system.

Shelf-marking. The practice of the Rare-Book Room of the University Library is to be followed with the insertion of the collation slip in the rear end of the book. The modern books will be labelled on the spine.

Inlaid material. It was voted to retain cuttings and typed annotations in the volumes for which they were intended, with the suggestion that to prevent loss they be inserted in a suitable attached pocket. Auto-graphed letters, loose inserted portraits, etc. would be removed for special collections, but indication will be given in each case of the book from which the particular item had been taken.

Arrangement of Reading-Room. The general plan of chronological arrangement with reference books in the middle section was described and approved.

Cataloguing. It was pointed out that with our present staff the cataloguing of the collections of Dr. Cushing and J.F.F. could not be completed in less than two years, but that the preliminary classification might be finished in time to permit opening of the historical wing by the end of May. Miss Brinton's plan for classifying and cataloguing was circulated to the Committee on a separate sheet.

Short-Title List. The question of whether Dr. Cushing's and J.F.F.'s short-title lists should be combined in one alphabet and published in one volume was raised. It was voted to publish the lists in separate volumes so as to preserve a record of the individual collections.

II. Financial Position

A Full review was given of the precarious financial position of the Historical Library and of the correspondence which had recently taken place between Dr. Fulton and the Dean, and with the Provost of the University. The inappropriateness of using the Harvey Cushing Fund wholly for running expenses was stressed by Dr. Fulton, and the special problem created by income from the sale of duplicates was also mentioned. After full discussion of all the many angles of the situation, a compromise was unanimously approved which would subdivide the Harvey Cushing Fund into two parts: one for maintenance, and the other for book purchase and publication. The details of this agreement are outlined in a letter from the Chairman to Dean Blake which ran as follows:

9 January 1941.

Dear Dr. Blake:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Historical Library's Advisory Board held this morning, it was voted, in view of the financial emergency facing the Historical Library, to divide the Harvey Cushing Fund into two parts, the first for operations, the second for book purchase and publication.

Operations Fund. For the time being, all income derived from the capital sum set aside for the Historical Library in Dr. Cushing's will shall be made available to meet salaries and running expenses of the Historical Library until such time as sufficient endowment is secured to meet these charges in whole or in part. After careful scrutiny of the financial liabilities of the Historical Library for the current academic year [July 1, 1940 - June 30, 1941], it was found that without aid from outside sources the Library will be able to repay at the end of this academic year at least \$2000 of the \$4000-advance made by the University in July 1940. Since endowment funds are likely to become available before June 1941, it is likely that the entire sum can be repaid at that time.

Book Fund. It was voted that a book fund be set up (a) for the purpose of strengthening the holdings of the Historical Library, and (b) for assisting in the publication of scholarly works published under the auspices of the Historical Library. The sources of income for this division of the Harvey Cushing Fund will be as follows:

(1) Sale of duplicates from the present holdings of the Historical Library. Under the terms of Dr. Cushing's will, I have full discretionary power in this matter, as far as his books are concerned; and this would apply also to my own books so long as I remain chairman of the Advisory Board. (The terms of Dr. Cushing's will actually empower me to sell any book from his collection for the benefit of the Library.)

(2) Income from royalties of any book published under the authority of the Historical Library. This would apply specifically to the new edition of Cushing's Osler just issued by the Oxford Press with a new preface signed by two members of the Advisory Board; to future royalties of the posthumous volume of Dr. Cushing's essays entitled The Medical Career published some months ago by Messrs. Little, Brown & Co.; and to my forthcoming Biography of Dr. Cushing; also to any other works issued from the Historical Library in the future.

(3) Gifts obtained specifically for the Book Fund.

(4) Any excess from the income derived from Dr. Cushing's trust fund over and above that essential for running expenses shall become available for the Book Fund.

I should appreciate it if you could transmit these recommendations to the Provost for consideration at the Corporation meeting January 10th and 11th.

It was voted further, in view of the acute need for assistance, to make available from the Operations Fund a sum of \$600 for a temporary cataloguing assistant. The request for another sub-cataloguer and for a technical assistant for moving and repair of books was tabled until further funds become available. With the additional help of a cataloguing assistant, it is hoped that the books from Dr. Cushing's and my collections can be sufficiently well classified and shelf-marked to permit of a general opening ceremony by the end of May or early June of this year.

I enclose an extra copy of this letter for your files.

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.
Chairman, Advisory Board

Yale Library Patrons. Dr. Bayne-Jones made a brief report on the activities of the group concerned with the Yale Medical Library endowment appeal. He mentioned that several important possibilities were being explored and he also submitted to the Committee a list of possible patrons drawn up December 3, 1940. Individual possibilities were discussed.

Opening date. It was recommended that the opening date of the Library be set for the end of May or early June, the actual date to rest with the office of the University Secretary.

Additional assistance. It was pointed out that several additional assistants were badly needed to help with cataloguing. After some discussion it was voted to make \$600 available from the Operations Fund to employ a cataloguing assistant between now and June.

Bibliotheca Primatologica. The Chairman recommended that Dr. Ruch's forthcoming bibliography of primate literature be issued officially under the auspices of the Historical Library as its first or, if the H.C. Short-Title List be regarded as the first, as its second publication. If the Book Fund were able to assist in the publication even if only through a token contribution, it was the Chairman's belief that the bibliography should be so supported. Action was deferred pending further perusal of the bibliography.

III. Inter-relation of Historical and General Libraries

After discussion of problems common to the two divisions of the Library, it was agreed that Dr. Smith and Dr. Fulton should discuss common problems as they arose and that they should not be made the subject of formal action unless some special issue were involved. Dr. Smith pointed out that during open hours of the General Library the stacks would not be locked and would be accessible to any qualified person who wished to enter them through the reading room of the General Library.

Keys. It was recommended that Miss Wildes, Miss Brinton, Miss Stanton, and Drs. Smith and Fulton have master keys permitting entry to both divisions of the Library and to all the stacks. Dr. Bayne-Jones intimated that he did not wish such a master; the Dean would carry one ex officio.

Duplicates. The question of duplicates of the two divisions of the Library was briefly discussed, with particular reference to duplicates in the sphere of medical history. It was agreed that Dr. Streeter's gift of books two years ago would revert to the Historical Library save for modern titles not of an historical nature. The disposition of other duplicates would be determined as individual problems.

Microfilm readers and photographic facilities were not discussed in detail, but any problems arising will be settled jointly by Drs. Smith and Fulton.

IV. Librarian

The need for a librarian for the Historical Library or a general librarian of the whole Library is recognized, but in view of the financial situation and in view also of the desirability of studying the developments under the present régime, it was decided to defer any specific program for obtaining a librarian.

All agreed that a professor of the history of medicine would be desirable when and if funds become available.

V. Personnel Problems

There was no time for detailed discussion of the present technical personnel of the Library. Mr. Schaltenbrand's death was mentioned, and the Committee seemed fully familiar with the details of Miss Stanton, Miss Brinton and Mrs. Perkins.

It was agreed that Dr. Castiglioni would not be a suitable person for librarian of the Historical Library.

It was recommended that Dr. Magnus-Levy be immediately given facilities for study in the Historical Library.

VI. The Beaumont Room

No decision was reached with regard to the Beaumont Room, but Dr. Smith expressed his strong conviction that the archives, books, prints and other possessions of the Beaumont Club should be exhibited in suitable cases in the Beaumont Room rather than be placed in one of the alcoves of the Historical Library. No formal action was taken pending further consideration and discussion.

It was mentioned informally that the furnishings of the Beaumont Room could probably be obtained in large measure as loans from the Garvan Collection.

VII. The Jonathan Knight Books

It was agreed that, if possible, these should be housed in the Beaumont Room in a suitable exhibition case.

VIII. Weights and Measures Room

No decision was reached with regard to sources of funds for the exhibition cases essential for proper display of Dr. Streeter's collection of weights and measures. This will be given further consideration after exact estimates have been obtained from the Service Bureau of the cost of such cases.

Since there were no particular architectural details to come up for discussion, the Committee adjourned at 12.20. Dr. Blake was obliged to withdraw at 12 o'clock during the discussion of the inter-relation between the two divisions of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.
Chairman, Advisory Board

February 7, 1941
MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE HISTORICAL LIBRARY
Yale University School of Medicine
February 7, 1941

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Historical Library was called by Dean Blake in his office at 2 P.M. on Friday, February 7, 1941. There were present Drs. Bayne-Jones, Blake, Fulton and G. H. Smith. After a general discussion of budgetary requirements of the Historical and General Libraries which will be dealt with by Dean Blake in a separate memorandum to the Provost, the following specific items relating to the Historical Library were discussed:

1. Floor plaque. Mr. Atterbury's letter of February 1st concerning the floor plaque was read. Dr. Bayne-Jones pointed out that the Executive Committee had approved the plaque, as had the full Advisory Board at its meeting on October 19th. Dr. Fulton mentioned the circumstances which have recently developed concerning the floor plaque, i.e., that a wealthy donor much interested in the Medical School had contributed a thousand dollars for its execution. Since the design was in general acceptable, it was voted to instruct Mr. Atterbury to proceed with the development of the plaque for the floor of the central rotunda. It is understood that Mr. Atterbury will submit the finished drawings in colour before the plaque is fabricated. It was also suggested that the two serpents be of reduced girth, and that more space be introduced between LUX and ET in the motto.

2. Wording of Class memorial. Mr. Atterbury had reported that the Class of '91 had approved the wording of a memorial plaque to be placed over the door of the Periodical Room, as follows:

THE CLASS OF YALE 1891 HAVE MADE
THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ROTUNDA
IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF THEIR CLASSMATE
H A R V E Y C U S H I N G
BORN IN CLEVELAND OHIO 8 APRIL 1869
DIED IN NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT 7 OCTOBER 1939

The Advisory Board approved of the plaque in general but suggested that for greater brevity and dignity the following wording would be preferable:

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3. Rotunda decoration. Mr. Atterbury has again raised the question of having various university insignia placed at intervals around the rotunda beneath the balcony. The universities selected would be drawn from those that had conferred honorary degrees upon Dr. Cushing. There continues to be division of opinion with regard to the appropriateness of such decoration, but since the Advisory Board had passed favourably upon it on October 19th and since Mr. Atterbury has indicated in his letter of

February 6th that outside funds have become available which would probably make possible the decoration of the rotunda in this manner, it was voted that he should be instructed to proceed and to submit detailed plans in colour of the proposed decorative frieze.

4. Furnishing of Historical Library. Dr. Fulton reported on a conference which had taken place on the morning of February 7th between Mr. Garstin of the Service Bureau, Miss Bishop, and the staff of the Historical Library concerning the furnishings of the large reading room. Mr. Atterbury's letter of February 6th about the general furnishing requirements had been studied in detail at this conference and temporary furniture including sofas, large tables and chairs were placed tentatively in position to obtain a general sense of the spacial relationships in the room as a whole. Mr. Johnson's letter of January 28th concerning the furnishings of the Historical Library was also studied in detail and the limitation of funds available for suitable furnishings was duly noted. The Executive Committee adjourned from Dr. Blake's office at 3.10 to see the placement of the temporary furnishings as arranged during the morning conference. In reporting the actions of the Committee to Mr. Atterbury, Dr. Fulton referred to the problem of furnishing as follows:

"I have had your long and helpful letter about the furnishings of the Library and also about the plaque. This morning we spent the entire morning with Mr. Garstin and Miss Bishop in the Historical Library arranging furniture tentatively so that we could see how the space divided itself. We felt that the tentative plan involved too many pieces of furniture and that there would be insufficient space between tables. The arrangement at the fireplace end has been changed somewhat by putting two divans in parallel with the long axis of the room so that one would not face the bright light from the windows. A large octagonal table has been put where the central divan was originally located. This arrangement with two easy chairs on either side makes a particularly attractive semicircle of which we all approve, and Mr. Garstin is proceeding to order the two easy chairs and the two lateral divans.

"For the rest of the room, I think we shall have to use temporarily two or three of the long heavy tables of the old library. They can be redone suitably until we have funds for large refectory tables of the type you have envisaged."

5. Canon of Avicenna. Venice, 1489-90. Dr. Fulton drew attention to an unusual incunabulum available at a price of fifty dollars from a collection of 43 incunabula being acquired by the Yale University Library. The book is in remarkable condition, and the Committee voted authorization of its purchase from the Book Fund.

Prior to adjournment, there had been a discussion of the organization of the Patrons of the Yale Medical Library, and it was recommended that Drs. Bayne-Jones and George H. Smith develop plans for founding the organization of Patrons.

The Committee adjourned at 3.25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

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NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT

6 January 1941.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Bill:

I quite agree with you about "Damn Dewey". My first job in life was to help change the books in the St. Paul Library from Dewey to L.C., so I know each one and have damned them both.

We have practically decided to go L.C. rather than B.M.L. although the Boston Medical Library classification has been adopted officially by the American Medical Library Association and is now in use, so James B. tells us, in some six hundred medical libraries. However, all the holdings in the Yale University Library are done on the L.C. basis and if we are to articulate with the rest of the University I think we should do the same. Yale has a notation peculiar to itself (T instead of R for medicine), but the numerical and other subdivisions are in accordance with the Library of Congress subdivisions.

We will not subdivide authors who have written widely. Boyle will stay together, and so will Harvey Cushing and W.O. They will be placed in the area of their primary contribution, unless by chance they have been bitten by bibliography as well as medicine. Bibliography and pornography go into the Z's.

That was a particularly pleasant ditty by Monica Marshall. Did I tell you of a sign I saw in London replacing the customary "Open as Usual"? A shopkeeper with all his plateglass blown out had a sign "More Open than Usual". And a movie house that had several diversions along the streets approaching it had a large sign over the door, "Another Diversion". You really can't conquer a people that has this spirit.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



J. F. Fulton, M.D.

P.S. I completely forgot about Nierenstein when I was in Bristol. I have corresponded with him and he is certainly a first-rate person. The poor devils in Bristol have been getting it lately. I inferred from one of the reports that Southmead Hospital, where they were doing all the transfusion work, had been hit; but no definite information as yet.

6 January 1941.

Dr. Arturo Castiglioni,
40-15 Hampton Street,
Elmhurst, L.I., New York.

My dear Castiglioni:

Thank you so much for your good letter which arrived late Saturday. The completion of the interior fixtures of the Historical Library has proceeded rather more slowly than I had anticipated, and there is still no electric light in the alcoves or offices.

The question of formal librarianship is one that must be referred to our Advisory Board. If funds become available, we had hoped to appoint a young technical librarian familiar with American cataloguing methods; but no decision has yet been reached on this point. I do not think that you would wish to be bothered with the technical side of handling a large library, and I feel certain that you would find it difficult to cope with all the hocus-pocus of the Library of Congress regulations. We are pretty much a slave to those things in this country, I often think too much so.

But we are extremely eager to have you come and settle down in the Library and have you give us the benefit of your vast experience in these matters. Also I hope you will feel free to pursue in your capacity as Research Associate any phase of medical history upon which you may wish to write. Your book is admirable, and we are all browsing about it with the greatest interest and profit. I hope the Library will become a dynamic instrument of productive scholarship, and I can think of no one more capable of contributing in this direction than you.

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

W.W.F.

Castiglioni wondered whether he might not become Librarian. I am afraid the whole staff would resign if we suggested it, so I have tried to put him off tactfully. Have you any suggestions?

J.F.F.

3 January, 1941.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John,

Thanks for yours of the 1st^x enclosing "Knollie's". Don't bother about the dates of the M.L.A. meeting, as far as I am concerned; I certainly couldn't get to both meetings. It may not be possible by then to get to either! But yours will have the preference.

My only idea on classification, apart from the Oeler sui generis one, is DAMN "DAMEY"; the Medical Library is always submitting modern medical books to me for advice. It is impossible to fit them into his antiquated system. If the Yale Library's scheme is applicable, it would be well to adopt it. I'm glad to see that you are keeping H. C.'s collection together, or is it only his Vesaliana? Can you also keep together a collection of H. C.'s own writings? That is a desideratum which would justify doing some violence to your classification.

Privately printed message from Monica Marshall in London,
Lady Somerville's daughter:

These days of Blitz
Devised by Fritz
Are not the Spitz
Of Christmas cheer.

But, bombs or none,
Heil, everyone!
Gott strafe the Hun
This coming year!

AMEN, says

Bill

PS. Nice letter from our Bill Maycock who had dined with you at Bristol. Did I ever ask you about a Dr. Nierenstein, chemist in the University there? Perhaps with that name he's been interned! He made a collection of Boerhaave which he threatened, a few years ago, to leave to the O. L., after I had solved a bibliographical problem for him by correspondence.

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1 January 1941.

YALE

Dear Bill:

I am delighted to have your letter of the 27th. Don't worry about the nine American dollars. Keep them for your next Advisory Board meeting. I don't yet know the dates of the Ann Arbor meeting of the Medical Library Association, but I shall find out what they are and then schedule the Advisory Board meeting either just before or just after, so that you will not have to make two trips. More of this anon.

The offprint of "Osler Warned" is most amusing. If you dig out anything further about the author of the letter, be sure and let me know.

H.C.'s books have all been placed in the new Library. Miss Brinton and Mrs. Perkins are industriously sorting them out and attempting to introduce a modified Library of Congress classification. If you have any ideas on this subject, I wish you would let me know.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,



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